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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1574**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones**

February 22, 2005

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An act to add and repeal Section 12994 of the Government Code, relating to housing discrimination.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1574, as amended, Jones. Housing: discrimination.

(1) The Fair Employment and Housing Act states the intent of the Legislature to occupy the field of regulation of discrimination in employment and housing encompassed by its provisions, exclusive of all other laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and housing by any city, county, city and county, or other political subdivision of the state, except as specified.

This bill would, notwithstanding these provisions, authorize the County of Sacramento *and the City of Sacramento*, until January 1, 2010, to enact laws prohibiting discrimination in housing that are ~~equal to, but no greater than,~~ *substantively identical to and to be interpreted consistent with* the protections against discrimination as provided by the act.

(2) This bill would also make legislative findings and declarations regarding the need for special legislation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 12994 is added to the Government Code, to read:

12994. (a) Notwithstanding Section 12993, the County of Sacramento *and the City of Sacramento* may enact laws prohibiting discrimination in housing that are ~~equal to, but no greater than,~~ *substantively identical to and shall be interpreted consistent with* state laws prohibiting discrimination in housing, as set forth in this part.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31, 2009, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act, which is applicable only to the County of Sacramento *and the City of Sacramento*, is necessary because the provisions of this act will serve as a pilot program for extending authority to enact laws prohibiting discrimination in housing to every city, county, city and county, and other political subdivision in the state. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the need to enact this act on a trial basis only, applied to one county *and one city* only, prior to extending the act to every city, county, city and county, and political subdivision in the state.